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SUBJECT: PROPOSALS FOR G/TIP FUNDING

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11. (SBU) Summary: In response to the Solicitation for Proposals received by email from the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking (G/TIP), Embassy Chisinau has reviewed and vetted three proposals, from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), La Strada, and Winrock International. Post recommends support for the Winrock proposal. All applications have been reviewed by the RSO, Resident Legal Advisor, Political Officer, and USAID Representative.

12. (SBU) Post supports Winrock's proposed USD 330,094 Transnistrian Women's Support Project to provide young women in Transnistria with psycho-social support, economic empowerment, trafficking awareness, and referrals. Winrock's focus on replicating its right-bank work in Transnistria fits Mission goals of opening up avenues of cooperation with left-bank civil society.

13. (SBU) Post recommends against funding IOM's proposal (training community police to increase the capacity of law enforcement in Moldova to identify victims of trafficking, prevent trafficking, and locate and prosecute recruiters and traffickers), because it duplicates the work the Embassy is already undertaking with President's Initiative money to assist the Center for Combating Trafficking in Persons (CCTIP), particularly our inclusion of district and community police officers in our CCTIP training series.

14. (SBU) Post recommends against funding La Strada's proposal (reducing trafficking in persons in Moldova by fostering establishment of an effective and sustainable mechanism to counteract TIP in Moldova based on an inter-agency approach) because it duplicates our similar work of supporting integrated anti-TIP activities through the multi-agency CCTIP and its framework of prevention, protection and prosecution.

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